GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GROUNDNUT DISEASE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the groundnut crops in the Karnataka have been affected with disease (caused by the `Surulipoochi` mit

(e);

(b) if so, the total groundnut production lost in the State; and

(c) the assistance provided to Karnataka by the Union Government in checking this disease?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Due to timely plant protection measures taken by the farmers as per advice of the State Department of Agriculture, there was no loss in production.

(c): No separate financial assistance was provided for this disease. However, during the year 2002-03, a lumpsum financial assistance amounting to Rs.120.00 lakh was released to the State of Karnataka under the Oilseeds Production Programme, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, fordevelopment of various oilseed crops including Groundnut incorporating activities such as Integrated Pest Management, Plant Protection equipment and Plant Protection chemicals.